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Dr. Janice Mitchell, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, receives this year's Academic Freedom Award from the Executive Board of the Gallaudet Chapter of the American Association of University Professors from Dr. Robert Harrison, associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies and AAUP chapter secretary, at the April 28 meeting of the University Faculty. According to the plaque, the award goes to a faculty member for his or her "vigilance in protecting and promoting the rights and interests of the faculty in the free search for truth through research and scholarship and its free exposition through teaching."



## Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) appointed to Board of Trustees

Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) has been named a member of the Board of Trustees. Woolsey represents the Sixth Congressional District of California, which includes Marin County and most of Sonoma County.

Gallaudet's trustees include three members of Congress: one senator and two members of the House of Representatives. Ms. Woolsey, the University's first female Congressional trustee, joins Rep. Ray LaHood (R-Ill.) and Senator John McCain (R-Ariz).

"I am honored to be the first female Congressional member on the Gallaudet Board of Trustees. I look forward to working with the other members of the board and, at the same time, learning from them," said Rep. Woolsey. "Gallaudet University's mission to provide a world class education to students who are deaf and hard of

hearing benefits our entire nation by helping them reach their full potential."

Woolsey was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992, and since then she has worked to make children and family welfare issues the nation's top priority. She brought her dedication to children and families to the Education Committee where she established a pilot universal school breakfast program, successfully passed legislation to bring community services to schools, and worked to make college more affordable. In addition, as chair of the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Children, Woolsey is working to expand childcare for infants and children whose parents work non-traditional hours, and to improve child support collection requirements.

Woolsey is also the Ranking Member of the Education and

## Dr. Dillehay steps down as CLAST dean

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Jane Dillehay stepped down May 15 from the post she has held for nine years and will return to her duties as professor in the Biology Department beginning with the spring 2004 semester.

The announcement came in a May 2 campus e-mail from Provost Jane Fernandes, who praised Dr. Dillehay for working "tirelessly to improve academic programs and academic support services during her tenure as dean. She has demonstrated a student-centered philosophy and has devoted significant energy to identifying and obtaining resources for academic departments and faculty."

Dr. Fernandes plans to conduct a national search to fill the dean's position. This summer, she will review the status and needs of CLAST departments before making a decision about whether to appoint an interim dean while the search is underway.

Fernandes expressed gratitude for Dillehay's many contributions. Some examples of these are Dillehay's:

- leadership in restructuring the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Undergraduate Studies, two departments of the School of Communication, and programs from the College of Continuing Education into the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies;
- oversight in the creation of the Deaf Studies Department, and the mergers of the TV, Photography, and Digital Media

Department with the Art Department, and the Departments of ASL and Deaf Studies;

- advocacy for the First Year Seminar to become a required course and for the establishment of the science core curriculum for B.S. degrees in biology, chemistry, math, and computer science;
- support on the graduate level for the development of the Deaf History graduate certificate program and the master's program in Deaf Studies;
- promotion of diversity in faculty recruitment and hiring;
- development and administration, with a faculty group, of the President's Fellows program;
- support for freshman learning communities, the mentoring program, the minority fellowship program, the STARS program (a student retention initiative), implementation of the Academic Advising PeopleSoft module, and the expansion of internships for career preparation among the academic departments and the Career Center.

Fernandes asked the campus community to join her "in expressing appreciation to Dean Jane Dillehay for her leadership, for her unflagging energy, and for the attention she paid to building positive relationships with students, faculty, and staff. We wish her an enjoyable respite and a satisfying return to her faculty role next year." 

The Indiana School for the Deaf won the seventh annual high school Academic Bowl on May 5, emerging victorious in the play-off round over University High School of Irvine, Calif., who earlier dealt Indiana its only defeat in the 10-team round robin tournament. The Academic Bowl, held in the GUKCC, featured the two top finishers in each of five regional tournaments that took place in February and March. Members of the winning team are (from left): Coach Chuck Daube, Jon Mowl, Pia Marie Paulone, Drew Robarge, Ellen O'Hara, Trevor Baldwin, and Coach Mary Kovatch. Paulone was named the tournament's most valuable player, and Lincoln High School of Tallahassee, Fla., received the team sportsmanship award. Third through 10th-place finishers were: Monroe (New York) #1 BOCES, Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, Mountain Lakes High School (New Jersey), Florida School for the Deaf, The Learning Center (Mass.), Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Maryland School for the Deaf, and Lincoln High School.



Photo by Zhou Fang

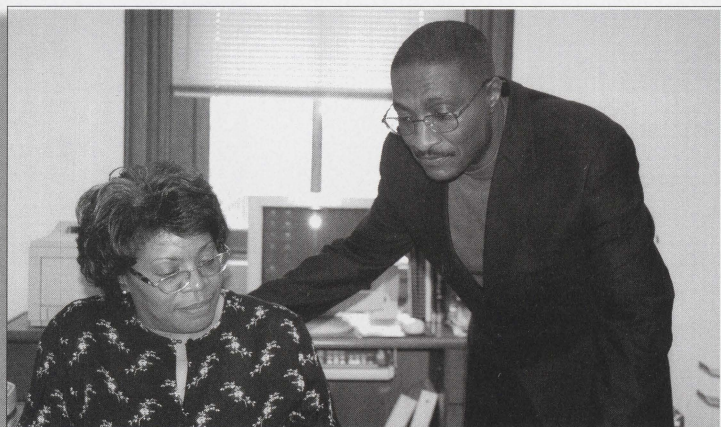


(From left) Lynn Ray Boren, assistant athletic director at MSSD, Nelly Schroeder, a long-time volunteer for the Office of Alumni Relations, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Sherry Duhon, and senior Tamara Suiter look at one of the envelopes addressed by President Jordan that accompanied each of the care packages to 12 relatives of Gallaudet employees serving in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan. The effort, dubbed "Operation Gally Cares," was Duhon's idea. "I just felt something needed to be done," she said. "I wanted to show the

unity among the community here." She solicited help from the University community and collected over \$500 to buy NERF footballs, candies, pens, key chains, crossword puzzles, playing cards, Gallaudet publications, T-shirts, and other items for the packages. Some of the items were donated by the Bison Shop and by several individuals. The shipping costs were covered by the Office of the Provost. "I received an overwhelming response from the campus community to Operation Gally Cares," said Duhon. "I am not surprised!"



## Fred Kendrick—moving back to Georgia



Director of Facilities Fred Kendrick reviews work with Administrative Assistant Mary Alter.

By Mike Kaika

After working for 33 years on campus from security guard to executive director of Facilities, Fred Kendrick will bid farewell to Gallaudet this fall and begin another career—become a substitute teacher, maybe hit a little white ball around the golf course, and in general, enjoy retirement.

When Kendrick arrived at Gallaudet in the fall of 1970 at the tender age of 21, he was a security guard in the Department of Campus Security. Born and raised in Crawfordville, Ga., Kendrick and his wife of one year moved to Maryland after he enlisted in the United States Army. He was stationed at Fort Meade and served a two-year stint as an MP. "When I was about to leave the Army, I learned of a job opening at Gallaudet and applied," said Kendrick. "I didn't know any sign language, but that soon changed when I had Will Madsen as a teacher."

Over the ensuing three-plus decades on Kendall Green, Kendrick worked his way up the career ladder...rising from security guard to shift supervisor, manager of Transportation, director of the Physical Plant, director of Business Services, and to his current position.

"I always tell people that I grew up here on campus," he said. "I learned a lot from my colleagues and the many wonderful supervisors I had in my long career."

Under Kendrick's direction, the

Transportation Department acquired more buses to transport KDES and MSSD students.

Kendrick's first office was in the old Gate House—that's where the Security Office was located until the basement of Chapel Hall (where the Financial Aid Office is now) was renovated to accommodate it.

While Kendrick was being promoted to various positions, he realized the need for a college degree and began taking courses at Federal City College and earned his bachelor's degree in education. When he became manager and director of departments with a large number of employees, he went back to college and earned a master's degree in labor studies from the University of the District of Columbia.

"That is one of the many great benefits about working at Gallaudet," said Kendrick. "The administration encourages its employees to pursue higher education with financial benefits to cover most of the cost."

After he officially retires, Kendrick will move back to Georgia and settle down in Morrow. He will bring a lot of lasting memories with him, particularly the events of the Deaf President Now movement, the first Deaf Way, and Deaf Way II. "It will be hard for me to leave Gallaudet," said Kendrick. "The people I have worked with and worked for over the past 33 years are the best anyone could ask for. I will leave Gallaudet but Gallaudet and all the memories will never leave me." **G**



## Administration & Finance

### Facilities Master Plan

On April 28, President Jordan presented Gallaudet's Facilities Master Plan to the District of Columbia's Zoning Commission for approval. This was the final phase in the long process of creating, refining, and presenting for approval Gallaudet's vision for future development of the Kendall Green campus for the period 2002 through 2012. The commission overwhelmingly approved the plan.

Since March, Dr. Jordan and senior administrators have met with the communities surrounding Gallaudet to present and discuss the master plan. Support for the plan by Gallaudet's neighbors was decisive in the approval process. Presenting the plan to the neighborhood community also gave Gallaudet the opportunity to become acquainted with local community leaders and strengthen an already solid relationship.

The final version of the Facilities Master Plan will be on the Construction Services web page soon. Be sure to check it out.

### New Faces

A & F has some new employees, and here are two we'd like to introduce.

Mary Wyatt, staff accountant, Finance Office, has been in her position since April 7. Her primary responsibility is to monitor the accounting of federal grants received by the University. Wyatt's career in accounting includes several positions with the federal government and the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus. She majored in business management at the University of Maryland, and resides in Columbia, Md.

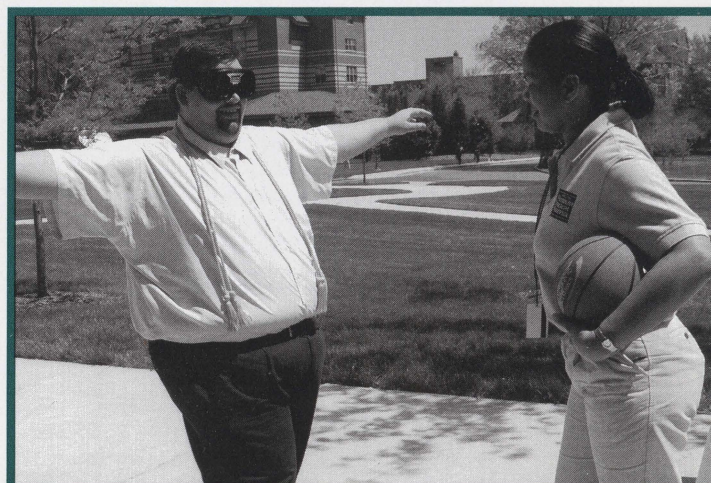
Jeffrey Weiser, manager, Grounds Service, has been in his position in the Physical Plant Department since May 12. He has extensive landscaping and grounds maintenance experience, mostly in Hawaii. Weiser majored in horticultural sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He worked for many years at hotels in Honolulu

before moving to Maryland several years ago.

### Gallaudet Health Fair

The second annual Gallaudet Health Fair on April 24, sponsored by the Student Health Service, was

a huge success. The weather cooperated and the turnout was great. Attendees lined up to get their blood pressure and glucose/cholesterol levels checked, have their body fat measured, be counseled on how to stop smoking, be tested for HIV/AIDS, get a chair massage, and gather information and freebies from a dozen other tables distributing health related information. SHS had a table at the fair where people could sign up to donate blood the next day. That, too, was a success, with 24 pints of blood donated. **G**



(Above): At the Gallaudet Health Fair, Amanda Garner, Student Health Service nurse, monitors student Tom Green's progress in trying to walk a straight line while wearing goggles that simulate coordination difficulties after consuming alcohol. (Below): Chittasingh Chantrawan, Student Health Service nurse practitioner, performs a body fat measurement for Nell LaBeach of Northwest Washington, D.C.



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Johnston Grindstaff, an assistant professor in the Art Department, critiques works from "Vivid Lights," an exhibition of 61 photographs from students in his beginning and intermediate photography classes, with members of the "Beginning Photography" class. The photography show was displayed on the second floor of the Washburn Arts Center from April 22 to May 1. Pictured with Grindstaff are (from left): Kitty Elofsson, Alisha Kornfuhrer, and Ellen Nauta.

## Rep. Woolsey

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Reform Subcommittee, which is under the Education and the Workforce Committee, the body that oversees the reauthorization process of the Education of the Deaf Act, and was elected by her colleagues to be the Democratic Leadership Liaison to the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

"I am pleased Ms. Woolsey will be joining our Board of Trustees," said President Jordan. "She is quite familiar with Gallaudet and very supportive of our mission. I look forward to her active participation on the board and I am confident she will support Gallaudet with much enthusiasm." **G**



## Fannie Mae is long-time friend of Gallaudet

By Doris Parent

The Fannie Mae Corporation and Fannie Mae Foundation have been friends of Gallaudet for the past 20 years, providing over \$95,000 in direct support to Gallaudet's students and program initiatives.


Gallaudet and Fannie Mae share the same mission of providing deaf and hard of hearing people with opportunities for developing leadership skills and providing experiences that will enable them to be successful in life. The establishment of the Fannie Mae Scholars Fund helps support students who show significant academic and professional promise and who will contribute to Gallaudet and Fannie Mae's professional leadership.

The Fannie Mae Scholars Fund provides \$10,000 in scholarships each year to Gallaudet students. The \$10,000 per year award is divided equally among those students who are chosen to receive the scholarship. A Screening Committee comprised of faculty and staff members from the departments of business and accounting,

Academic Advising, and the Career Center select the scholarship recipients.

Four students, all pursuing B.S. degrees in business administration, have been selected as the Fannie Mae Scholars for 2002-2003: juniors Deborah Broadus and Lisa Valenti, and seniors Steven Gagnon and Sonny Wasilowski. Each student received awards toward tuition, books, and related expenses.

In addition to providing scholarships, Fannie Mae also supports The Shared Reading Project offered by the Clerc Center at Kendall School. Fannie Mae's gift has made a tangible difference in the lives of deaf children and their families.

The University is truly appreciative of Fannie Mae's generosity toward its students and its philosophy that each person should have "equal access to opportunity for growth and advancement, and are encouraged and supported to fulfill their potential." 

*(Doris Parent is assistant director of corporate and foundation relations in the Development Office.)*



Mike Zusi, director of major and planned giving in the Development Office, works the computer during an April 1 presentation in the Conference Center Ballroom as Mindy Suchinsky, Esq., makes a point at the Development Office-sponsored reception seminar, "Why You Need a Will." Future seminars on other legal and financial subjects will be offered by the Development Office. (Also pictured is GIS interpreter Mary Thumann.)

### Gally Facts:

1): In 1988, 27 percent of faculty and staff at Gallaudet were deaf or hard of hearing. What is the percentage for 2002?

2): True or False: The freshman class in 2002 was about twice the size of the senior class.

*answers on page 4*

### AMONG OURSELVES

Government and History Department professors **Donna Ryan** and **John Schuchman** signed copies of their book, *Deaf People in Hitler's Europe*, May 2 at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, in Washington, D.C.

### 'The Real Stuff: Faculty E-Learning Showcase' slated

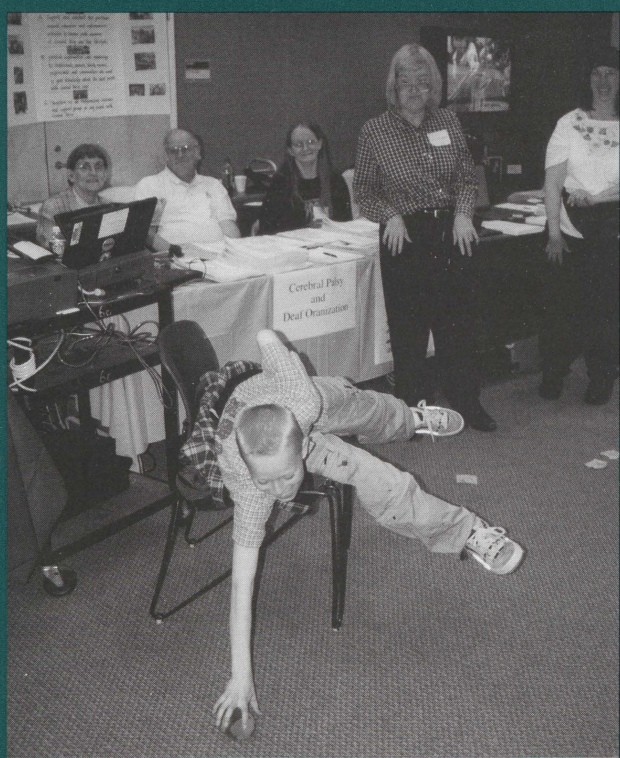
A showcase for University faculty and others interested in improving student learning with technology will take place on May 23 in the SUB Multimedia Theatre (Rm. #1011) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Carol Twigg of the Center for Academic Transformation, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, who will present, "Improving Learning and Reducing Costs: New Models for Online Learning," from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. The event will also feature a Faculty Technology Showcase.

The e-learning showcase is hosted by the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area and Gallaudet University. It is free, but registration is required. For more information, go to <http://academictech.gallaudet.edu/events/2003/elearning>.

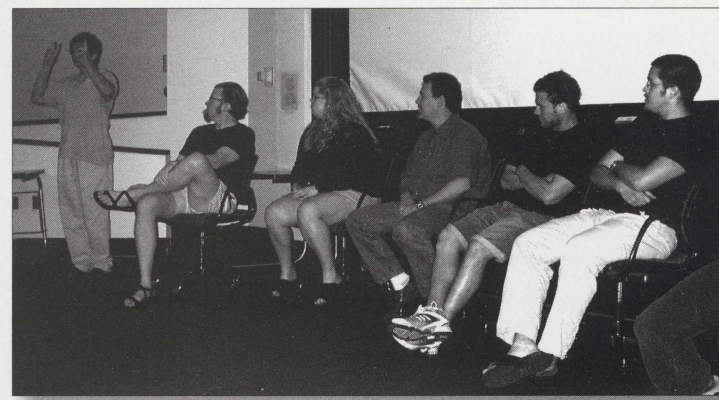


Highlights of Disability Awareness Day at Gallaudet on April 21 included a presentation on access to postsecondary education by Annette Reichman (above, left), chief of the Deafness and Communicative Disorders Branch of the U.S. Education Department's Rehabilitation Services Administration, and booths by more than 25 exhibitors, including vendors in assistive technology, advocacy groups, job referral agencies, and University service units such as the Audiology Department and the Library. The purpose of this annual event, which is sponsored by the Office for Students with Disabilities, the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services, and the Office for Diversity and Community Relations, is to increase community awareness regarding disability issues and to enhance communication and access for individuals with disabilities through technology and information sharing. In her talk, Reichman said, "Gallaudet is a wonderful place and provides a great environment [in terms of accessibility], but there is still work to do." She repeated Provost Jane Fernandes' vision stated earlier in the presentation that, like Gallaudet, the Rehabilitation Services Administration's goal for the nation is to "create an environment where there are no disabilities." (Above, right) Shelita Smith, management assistant for the United States Department of Agriculture's TARGET Center, which supports USDA's efforts in enforcing federal disability legislation and supports the integration of assistive technology and ergonomic solutions, gives demonstrations on assistive technology in the workplace. (Right) Sally Mooney of Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization of Silver Spring, Md., whose mission is to encourage confidence and build incentives in CP and deaf people and promote their achievements, leads KDES student Andrew Duncan in an exercise designed to show the balance difficulties that individuals with CP live with.



## CLAST Corner

### ASL poetry discussion




In celebration of National Poetry Month, the ASL and Deaf Studies Department and the Library hosted an ASL poetry presentation and discussion which featured (from left) Dr. E. Lynn Jacobowitz, associate professor in the ASL and Deaf Studies Department, Cameron House, a junior and an ASL and graphics arts major, Jennifer Legg, a freshman HUG student, Robert Keegan, a junior and an ASL major, Franco Korpics, a senior and an ASL major, and Jeffrey Bibb, a senior and a deaf studies major.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Department of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies and the Gallaudet Library hosted a presentation and discussion of ASL poetry by Dr. E. Lynn Jacobowitz, associate professor, Dr. Dirksen Bauman, assistant professor, and seven students from the ASL 371 class in "ASL Literature."

More than 60 students, faculty, and staff, including students from several English classes, attended the presentation in the Library on April 30. Bauman presented eloquently on the need to study, appreciate, and promote ASL literature and poetry, not only as a vital part of Deaf culture, but also as a crucial contribution to the field of literary studies. Jacobowitz discussed the academic importance of

ASL literature in the Gallaudet curriculum and the need to pass on knowledge to future generations of deaf children and ASL teachers.

After the panel of students eloquently signed their own Deaf experience through ASL poems they created, Jacobowitz then identified and explained the structural elements of ASL poetry in each student's poem, such as the use of location or specific hand shapes. After a series of video clips which showed more ASL poetry, the student panel discussed how they created their poems and what techniques they used. The students also engaged in an intense discussion with the audience about the importance of ASL poetry to the Deaf community. 





Dear Aunt Sophie,

As someone who seems to have very strong opinions about *everything*, you probably don't understand a person like me who often does not care one way or another about certain things. For example, we recently received a survey on e-mail asking whether or not we think hearing people should identify themselves as hearing when they get into a conversation with deaf people they've never met before. Honestly, I absolutely have no opinion on this matter. It's a total non-issue as far as I'm concerned. It's like, "whatever." Does this make me strange?

Not Sure

Dear NS,

You're merely experiencing an attack of fuzzy thinking. It will soon dissipate, but in the meantime, Auntie recommends that you adopt her patented "Opinion Continuum" when grappling with this matter. It's a mental exercise that calls for categorizing all the incoming data to

one's mind based on shades of red. Like this:

People and issues in the fiercely fire-engine

red grouping are those about which you have the *strongest possible* opinions—either positive or negative. For example, Auntie's fire-engine red category includes world peace, Litteri's subs, and Donald Rumsfeld.

As you move toward the opposite end of the continuum, the categories become filled with people, places, and things about which you have less and less strong opinions. At the half-way point (i.e. tomato red), for instance, you may find your list comprising, as mine does in part, the national debt and SUVs.

By the time you get to the continuum's very end, pale-periwinkle-pink, you will be left with those things about which you harbor only the faintest opinion, such as, in my case, the Audiology Clinic's walk-in hours and the type of mulch used by PPD. Obviously, this is where, on your personal opinion continuum, you will find the "Hi, I'm hearing," issue you raise above.

It's all about perspective, you see.



End of the spring sports season reviews:

#### Softball:

The team finished with a 10-14 record, winning its final game of the season over Philadelphia Biblical University, 9-2. It was also the final home game for seniors Katie Spiegel and Jill Bianco. Spiegel hit a sacrifice fly and Bianco pitched a complete game, and garnered three hits. Bianco allowed just four hits. Tamijo Foronda and Kitty Bottoms tied for the team lead in hitting this season with a .333 batting average. Foronda, a freshman, hit three home runs and had 23 RBI's. Bottoms, a sophomore, hit 19 RBI's.

#### Tennis:

The final dual match of the season was also a memorable one for the women's tennis team as it won its first match of the season, 6-3, over Trinity College. Jessica Nini, Michelle Hutton, and Misty Morris won their singles matches for Gallaudet. In doubles, Nini and Hutton also won their match.

#### Baseball:

It was the second highest win total in Gallaudet baseball history, as the team finished with a 12-19 record. Curtis Christopher-Anderson led the team in batting with a .370 average, five home runs, and 39 RBI's. Nicholas Vita hit .365. Nathan Bayarsky was the team's top pitcher with a 2-1 record

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

and a 1.69 Earned Run Average. Sean Jackson struck out 47 opposing batters to lead the team.

#### Track and Field

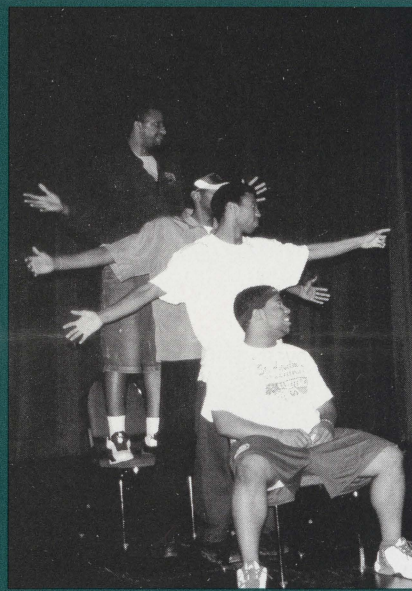
The men's team finished an impressive fourth in the Capital Athletic Conference April 26, and the women finished sixth. The key to the men's rapid improvement was freshman Ken Myers, who won both the triple jump and the long jump. Myers was the CAC rookie of the year in men's track and field. He has already qualified for the NCAA Division III championships in the triple jump, and won the CAC meet with a leap of 44 feet, 8.5 inches, which was more than 20 inches further than the second-place finisher. His long jump title was earned with a jump of 20 feet, 9.25 inches. He also finished seventh in the 100-meter and 200-meter. Adan Burke was third in the 110-meter high hurdles in 19.67 seconds and fourth in the 400-meter hurdles in 1.10.97 minutes, and Ryan Kelly was fourth in the hammer throw with a throw of 123 feet.

For the women, Fatimah Aziz was second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.70 seconds, Natalie Ludwig was third in the 5,000 meter run in 20.13.80 minutes, and Julie Dameron was second in the hammer throw at 119 feet, 2 inches, and fourth in the shot put with a throw of 33 feet, 1 inch, and fourth in the discus with a throw of 101 feet, 1 inch. **G**



(Top photo) A new website that shows successful deaf entrepreneurs was unveiled April 22 during the Signs of Success grand opening luncheon. The website's address is <http://signsofsuccess.gallaudet.edu>. It was made possible with funding by the Merrill Lynch and Company Foundation and Gallaudet. Among the successful deaf entrepreneurs profiled are (from left): Stephen Hlibok, vice-president of the private client group, Merrill Lynch; James Macfadden, president, Macfadden and Associates; Amy Markel, lead auditor in charge, U.S. Agency for International Development; Stephen Burton, owner of Rosslyn Body Co.; Myrna Aiello, CEO/president of TCS Associates; John Yeh, president of Viable Technologies; and Dr. Benjamin Bahan, co-owner of DawnSign Press. (Bottom photo) Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe (left), executive producer and former dean of the school of management and creator of the website, Jane Norman, producer and director, and Darrell Johnson, webmaster and editor, celebrate the launch of the Signs of Success website. The website features interviews with prominent deaf entrepreneurs, with details about how they achieved success, hurdles they had to face, support they received from friends and families, and what it's like being a deaf business person.

Gallaudet chapter members of Zeta Sigma Psi rehearse a scene from Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*, a parable about the gift of giving and the capacity to return love. The play was presented on May 2 in Ely Auditorium and included an address by Lindsay Dunn, special assistant to the president for diversity and community relations. Warren "WaWa" Snipe, admission counselor in the Admissions Office, served as master of ceremonies. The fraternity's adaptation of the tale related to the history and celebration of deaf African American males, including their passion for pursuing higher education. According to Zeta Sigma Psi Secretary Korian Thomas, an important reason for the play—the fraternity's first—was to heighten campus awareness about deaf African American males and their culture.



#### Gally Facts:

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1): According to the Personnel Office, 40 percent of all faculty and staff at Gallaudet were deaf or hard of hearing in 2002.

2): True. According to the 2002 Enrollment Report, 241 students were enrolled as seniors and 481 students were enrolled as freshmen.

## ROVING REPORTER

### What advice do you have for the graduating class of 2003?



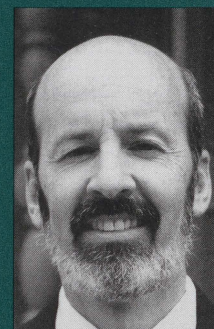
Mary June Moseley, professor, Audiology and Speech-Language:

...Be well;  
...Work wisely;  
...Love to learn;  
...Cherish family and friends.



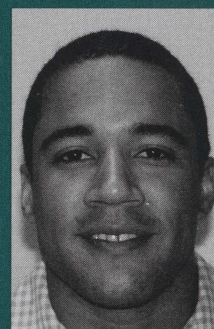
Elizabeth Creamer, assistant professor, Social Work Department:

My hearty congratulations to you for your graduation. Your long years of study, practice, and playing have finally won you a college degree. The degree will certainly enhance your future opportunities. It is imperative that you continually work hard because you are an example to many others. Be courageous to face the new challenges. Best wishes for your continued success.



Sam Sonnenstrahl, executive director, Gallaudet University Alumni Association, director, Alumni Relations:

As an alumnus/alumna, you will always be an ambassador of the University. My advice to you is to stay involved with Gallaudet, stay in touch with your fellow Gallaudetians, support Gallaudet, encourage others to enroll at Gallaudet so they may benefit as much as you did, join GUAA (be sure to do this at the student rate before you graduate), and keep us posted when you move so we can keep in touch with you. Good luck!



Raymond Merriitt, instructor, Biology:

For those who plan to become matriculated in graduate school, expect to gain more independence and at the same time expect to have a greater academic workload to meet graduate degree requirements. For those who plan to get a job right away, start saving money early to become more financially independent later in life. Good luck!



## STUDENT AFFAIRS *Exposé*

### Student development programs—new location, new service model

By Jerri Lyn Klimkiewicz

Students Affairs Dean Carl Pramuk created the Office of Student Development Programs (SDP) in the fall of 2001 to centralize several key programming units in Student Affairs.

The six units within SDP include Campus Activities, Community Service Programs, Health and Wellness Programs, Judicial Affairs, Multicultural Student Programs, and Orientation Programs. While the offices are unique and focus on different components of student development, all are committed to promoting the growth of the whole student and collaborate in ways that allow for multiple educational impact.

Previously, SDP offices were lined up as single offices in a hallway in Ely Center. A decision was made to centralize the programs and services in one location to provide one-stop services, but this could not become a reality until the Bookstore moved out of its temporary location on the first floor of the Ely Center. The units moved into their new location late in the fall of 2002.

The front desk is staffed by paraprofessionals from any of the five units at different times of the day. The coordinators' offices are located near student workstations (in cubicles) and the front desk, and referrals can be made by the front desk staff to any member of the program staff available at that time. Future plans include web scheduling of individual and online appointments and other self-service applications.

Because of its unique functions and responsibilities, Campus Activities remained in the Student Union Building. This one-stop service center fits well with Gallaudet's student-centered vision and required redesigning services to be more in line with student services trends today.

The Office of Student Development Programs is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and someone is always available to help. Come and visit; someone will be happy to give you a tour! **G**

(Jerri Lyn Klimkiewicz is director of the Office of Student Development Programs.)



Clayton Ide, (right) a sophomore, receives assistance from Barbara Hathway (center) and Heather Lewis (second from right), Community Service Programs paraprofessionals, while Jose Aguilera, multicultural student assistant, watches.



Laura Sweeney, an advisor in the Academic Advising Office, is recognized for 25 years of service to the University by Eileen Matthews (left), CAPSS associate dean, and Thelma Schroeder, acting director for Academic Advising.

### Program encourages new and experienced visual playwrights

While 'verbal theater' has for centuries enjoyed well-deserved popularity and success throughout the world, an appreciation for the unique contributions of 'visual theater' has been less conspicuous.

Now, however, a collaborative effort between Gallaudet and the Maryland-based Quest: Arts for Everyone organization aims to advance the cause of visual theater through the first Visual Playwrights Retreat, May 18-31 at Gallaudet.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the retreat will be directed by Willy Conley, a professor in the Department of Theatre Arts, an internationally-recognized visual playwright, and an affiliate artist with Quest. The two-week

retreat will give deaf and hard of hearing seasoned and aspiring playwrights an opportunity to develop their scripts. Participants will also have access to professional actors skilled in creative movement, improvisation, and American Sign Language.

"A primary goal of the retreat is to introduce alternative means of building or enhancing scripts other than the traditional way of working alone in a room hammering one out in English," said Elana Nightingale, coordinator of the Visual Playwrights Retreat.

For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Nightingale at [enight321@aol.com](mailto:enight321@aol.com), or Conley at [willy.conley@gallaudet.edu](mailto:willy.conley@gallaudet.edu). **G**

Dorothy Jackson (center), deputy mayor of Akron, Ohio, opened the History Through Deaf Eyes exhibition on April 6 at the new American Red Cross building in downtown Akron. Pictured with her are Jack Gannon, the curator of the exhibition, and Rosalyn Gannon, the design consultant on the project. This opening was planned by a local ad-hoc committee and supported by the Ohio Association of the Deaf, the Society for the Deaf of Cleveland, Kent State University, the Akron Beacon-Journal, the Lima Silent Aid Society, the Akron Deaf Club, and many individuals. Akron—the sixth stop on the tour—hosted the exhibition from April 7 through May 7. The next site is Philadelphia, Pa., where "Deaf Eyes" will be in the Arthur Ross Gallery of the University of Pennsylvania from June 3 through July 28.



Home Depot representative Paul Householder informs Annette Jackson, a resident of Northeast Washington, D.C., about some of the simple things that people can do to reduce home energy costs—like switching to energy-saving light bulbs, which reduce the energy costs of conventional fluorescent bulbs by 75 percent—at the People's Counsel's Energy Expo #5. The April 24 consumer hands-on workshop and demonstration was held in Gallaudet's Conference Center, and was co-sponsored by the Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia, which serves as consumers' advocate for natural gas, electric, and telephone services in D.C., and the Gallaudet University Community Relations Council.

### Students tell the story of audism in new film

Twenty-five years ago the phrase "audism" was coined by Tom Humphries, a deaf scholar, to give a name to the prejudice and bias that deaf and hard of hearing people have experienced based solely on hearing status. The students in a "Dynamics of Oppression" class last semester, taught by Dr. Dirksen Bauman, assistant professor in the ASL and Deaf Studies Department, were discussing audism when the idea for a class project to create a film explaining the term and its manifestations was born.

The students divided into groups to research and write about five aspects of audism—audism in the family, at school, and at Gallaudet—the search for a "cure" for deafness, and the resistance to audism. The students filmed their segments and edited them into a documentary. The result was a good rough draft, but the film needed further filming and editing, which was carried out by the students in the "Deaf Semester Senior Thesis" class this semester, also taught by Bauman.

The team effort paid off, and the final film, entitled *Audism Unveiled*, drew packed houses for both back-to-back premieres on

April 23. A panel discussion, led by Bauman, followed the second show. It featured Dr. Benjamin Bahan, a professor in the ASL and Deaf Studies Department, Greg Montgomery, president of the Graduate Student Association, Tawny Holmes, Student Body Government vice president, and Brendan Stern, chair of the Student Audism Committee.

"Audists are those who use the ability to hear as some sort of leverage for power," said Bahan, who also emphasized that giving a name to the oppression is a first step toward opening dialogue.

The students hope their efforts will lead to the inclusion of the word in the dictionary, said Ben Jarashow, one of the Deaf Studies Senior Thesis students involved in the project, and the emcee of the premieres.

"We wanted the audience to take away a new set of eyes that would more easily recognize the various manifestations of audism, as well as some ideas as to how to resist audism," said Bauman. He said that plans are underway to continue to revise the film for wider distribution. **G**

Deaf Way II artist Ixchel Solis Garcia returned to Gallaudet from Mexico for the April 16 opening of her art exhibit in the Washburn Gallery, entitled "Facing Worlds," which was on display through April 29. At the opening, Garcia explained each of the 17 works in the exhibit, revealing a personal depiction of her life as a deaf woman in Mexico. Here, Garcia tells exhibit patrons of the inspiration behind her painting, "The Treasure of My Soul," which illustrates the importance sign language holds in her life.







## CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

## MSSD Work Experience Program gives postsecondary skills

By Mary Ellen Carew

*"I believe internships provide many benefits, not only to students but also to employers. It is essential that students have some type of professional experience in order to have the chance to explore potential career fields and to gain valuable experience working in a real-world professional environment. MSSD students have energy, ambition, and the willingness to work. They often provide us with new ideas in addressing issues."*

—Robert Mather,  
U.S. Department of Justice



MSSD senior Amy Small works on a project at the Capital Children's Museum.

For the past three years, MSSD sophomores, juniors, and seniors have been enjoying a program of internships and work experience one day a week, when they explore the world beyond academics and regular student activities.

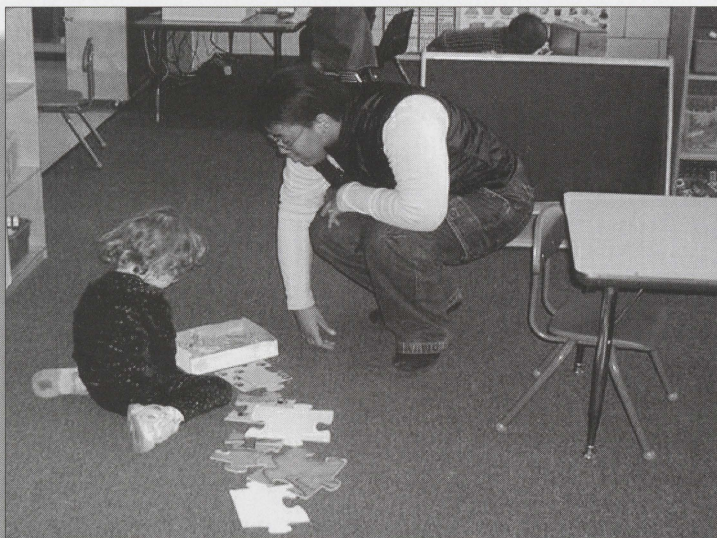
The MSSD Work Experience Program was inspired by a similar program at The Madeira School, a private girls' school in McLean, Va., and designed by Clerc Center Department of Transition Coordination staff members Allen Talbert, guidance/transition counselor, and Marilyn Galloway, transition coordinator, with strong encouragement from Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski.

The Work Experience Program offers work opportunities at KDES

and MSSD to the sophomores, and on the University campus to juniors, every Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:40 a.m. Seniors go off campus Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to internships at such diverse workplaces as the Library of Congress, Rock Creek Park Visitor Center, the Department of Justice, Jet Hair Designs, the Capital Children's Museum, Providence Hospital, the Smithsonian Institution, and Bertucci's Restaurant. The students receive school credit and experience, not pay, in exchange for their work. Freshmen also participate in work readiness classes.

Successful completion of the Work Experience Program is required for graduation from MSSD. It offers participants a chance to both discover and develop skills they can use after high school. Students often begin with little idea of their own capabilities or what they want to do after high school, but over the course of the three-year program, they write impressive resumes, with guidance from the transition counselors. They also gain such basic knowledge as how a paid job works, how to apply for a job, and what goes into a good work ethic, such as showing up for a job or an interview on time and in suitable attire.

The transition counselors work with businesses and organizations to develop job possibilities. They try to match each student with a job that relates to his or her postsecondary goals and interests. Once a student and a workplace have connected, an interview follows, after which the student is hired. MSSD supplies fares for transportation and lunch money to those working off campus. Talbert is currently creating a videotape of Work Experience students talking about their experiences on the job. New participants can watch the video and get a good idea of what's involved from students who have been there. **G**



MSSD senior Latoya Wiley oversees an activity at a local YMCA daycare facility.



Filmmakers Tania Cuevas-Martinez (left) and Lubna Khlaid (right), discuss their movie *HATERS*, which gives historical context to the act of "demonization" of various ethnic groups within the United States. The film journeys through key historical periods and contains interviews with leading theorists and activists, as well as personal accounts from victims of hate crimes and racial profiling. After the film, several members of the audience relayed personal experiences of acts committed against them, merely because of who they are. The event was co-sponsored by the Office for Multicultural Affairs and the Office for Diversity and Community Relations. (Also pictured is GIS interpreter Sherry Hicks.)

## Spiegel, Christopherson-Anderson, Ludwig win season awards

By Richard Coco

There were three big winners at the Athletics Department's annual awards banquet on April 28.

Katie Spiegel, a four-year soccer and softball star and two-time basketball letter winner, won the Female Athlete of the Year Award. She also was selected as all-Capital Athletic Conference in softball for the second-straight season.

Curtis Christopherson-Anderson, a three-year baseball star and a first-year football player, walked away with the Male Athlete of the Year Award. He also was named Gallaudet's Athlete of the Month for April.

Natalie Ludwig, a senior, was named the cross country team's Most Valuable Runner. She was given the Coach's Award for outdoor track and field, and she was selected for the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf's President's Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

As a soccer player, Spiegel is one of the top players ever to compete at Gallaudet. She is the school's second all-time goal scorer and point scorer. She started all 16 games in which she played. This year, from midfield, she managed four goals and three assists, had one game-winning goal, and took the team's lone penalty kick.

In basketball, Spiegel was one of three players to appear in all 26 games, starting 21 of them. She averaged 30.0 minutes per game, second on the team; she scored 5.8 points per game and grabbed 4.6 rebounds per game; she was second on the team in free-throw shooting at 68.5 percent; and she

was fourth on the team in assists with 47. In softball, Spiegel started all 24 games. She batted .263 with 20 hits in a team-high 76 at-bats; she committed just one error; and her .970 fielding percentage is tops on the team among those with at least 15 chances. Spiegel was a Verizon All-Academic nominee in soccer and basketball.

Christopherson-Anderson played football for the first time this year, appearing at quarterback in four games despite suffering sprained ligaments in his knee that caused him to miss the middle of the season. He still led the team in pass efficiency (62.3) and comple-

tion percentage (37.9), and he was fourth on the team in total offense (102 yards).

In baseball, Christopherson-Anderson is one of the top offensive threats in the Capital Athletic Conference. He finished this year fourth in the CAC in batting (.396), second in slugging percentage (.681), third in RBI (38), on-base percentage (.477), home runs (5), doubles (11) and steals (10), and seventh in runs (31). **G**

(Richard Coco is sports information specialist in the Athletics Department.)



Five residents of Valley View Assisted Living of Media, Pa., a community where about 45 elderly people who are deaf or deaf-blind live, paid a visit to Gallaudet on May 1. A highlight for them on their tour of Kendall Green was a visit by President Jordan. Pictured with Dr. Jordan are, (from left, standing): Jane Golightly; Marcia Nowak; Anna Levin (Pennsylvania), who went to school and worked with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Corson, parents of Dr. Harvey Corson, executive director of the American School for the Deaf and former Gallaudet provost; Dorothy Jacobs (New York), the oldest member of the group at age 96 and a schoolmate of Edward Sonnenstrahl, grandfather of Sam Sonnenstrahl, director of the Office of Alumni Relations; Bernard Brown, assistant professor in the Department of Business; Ruth Sigda, Valley View employee; Margaret (Peggy) Amberg (Delaware); Eleanor Bahan (New Jersey), mother of Dr. Benjamin Bahan, professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies; Bernadette Williams, Valley View employee; (seated) Lillian Wilson, Golightly's mother; and Margaret Brown (Massachusetts), Brown's mother.

Earl Parks, Academic Technology e-learning coordinator, demonstrates some of the many ways faculty can use current technology, including video conferencing, during the biennial Vocational Rehabilitation Conference, held on campus April 8 to 10. Over 25 VR counselors from across the nation attended the conference to share concerns about budget cuts, learn about new rules and trends related to Vocational Rehabilitation in the United States and at Gallaudet, specifically, and hear from distinguished speakers, including Annette Reichman, chief of the Deafness and Communicative Disorders Branch of the U.S. Education Department's Rehabilitation Services Administration, and Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Anderson, director of training at the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, University of Arkansas. The VR counselors also held individual meetings with their clients who are currently attending Gallaudet.

